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# Land Grant Application- Dresser, Jonathan (Denmark)

Jonathan Dresser

Elizabeth Dresser

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John Hodgdon Esq<sup>r</sup>  
Land agt  
Augusta  
M. E.



Charles B. Smith  
Dec 31. 1836

Dennuorth Decr 31. 1833-

Dear Sir, by your favour of the 27<sup>th</sup> Inst<sup>o</sup> you informed me that you would attend to the selection of my land that I am entitled to by a resolve of the late Legislature, and which I have obtained a certificate for & hereby request and authorize you for and in my name to make the selection for me and apprise me of the same after you may have done the same agreeably to your instructions.

I am Respectfully Yours

Elizabeth Dresser

John Hodgdon Esq<sup>r</sup>  
Land Agt<sup>y</sup> for State of Maine.

Cloj. Messer 171

Lot No. 51. in No 2 I.P.  
Selected by the Land Agent  
per written request from  
S. Gibson Esq Attorney -

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Deed made and executed.  
April 30. 1836 & forwarded by  
mail to Samuel Gibson Esq  
Denmark

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STATE OF MAINE.

N<sup>o</sup> 171.

LAND OFFICE,  
Augusta, Oct. 22.<sup>d</sup> 1835.

I HEREBY CERTIFY, That *Elizabeth Drepper* ~~and~~  
of *Denmark* in the County of *Reford*, widow of *Jen<sup>r</sup>.*  
*Drepper, late of Fryeburg, same county,*  
by declaration sworn to *May 1<sup>st</sup> 1835.*

(See claim N<sup>o</sup> 231.)

and other accompanying evidence has satisfactorily proved her claim  
to the benefits of a "Resolve in favor of certain officers and soldiers  
of the Revolutionary war and the widows of deceased officers and  
soldiers," approved March 17, A. D. 1835, and that "the lawful  
holder" of this certificate is entitled, under said Resolve, to TWO  
HUNDRED ACRES OF LAND.

*Wm Hurliman* Land Agent of Maine.

Examined & countersigned,

*Mm Mearl*

agreeably to your directions I mean to  
certificates of Obedience I am & Mrs. Dyer  
and wish you to send the same.

Dunmark April 7th 1836

Samuel Gibson

Mr John Haysen Esq.  
Dy.

N.B. please send the same to me

Know all Men by these presents, That I Eliza

Dresser of Somers in the County of Oxford and State of Maine, being the same person by whom the declaration, now on file in the Land Office, was made, do hereby constitute and appoint William West Esq. of Augusta, my true and lawful Attorney for me and in my name, to receive from the Land Agents of the State of Maine, such certificate as he may issue to me, in virtue of a resolve of the said State, passed March 19<sup>th</sup> 1835, entitled a "Resolve in favour of certain Officers and Soldiers of the Revolutionary War, and the Widows of the deceased Officers & Soldiers," to the benefit of which Power I am entitled, and my said Attorney is hereby authorized and empowered upon the receipt of said certificate, for me and in my name, to execute such receipt or acknowledgments thereof, as I might, were I personally present—  
Nowby ratifying and confirming whatever my said Attorney shall do by virtue hereof. Witness my hand and Seal this day of November A.D. 1835—  
Signed Seal and Delivered  
in presents of

Elizabeth Dresser

State of Maine.

Oxford Ss. Be it known, that, on this 20<sup>th</sup> day of November 1835 before the Subscriber, a Justice of the Peace for said County, Personally appeared Eliza Dresser above named, and acknowledged the foregoing Power of Attorney by her signed, to be his free act and deed. In testimony whereof, I have hereunto subscribed my name this day and year last above mentioned—

Saml. Gilman— Justice of the Peace



Elizabeth Dresser's  
application —

Elizabeth Dresser <sup>231</sup>  
widow of Jos. A. Dresser  
Application for land.  
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Admitted, & certificate  
N<sup>o</sup>. 171. ip<sup>d</sup>. Oct. 22. 1835. —

Rec'd the same  
M<sup>r</sup> Mountz, city.  
Rec'd June 8. 1835,

Received 30m



I Elizabeth Draper of Denmark in the County  
of Oxford & State of Maine. Widow of the late Jonathan  
Draper of Haysburg in the County aforesaid, hereby declare  
according to the best of my knowledge & belief, that  
my said husband Jonathan Draper resided at  
said Haysburg at the time of his enlistment,  
& that he enlisted in the year 1775 for one  
year, & served in the company commanded  
by Capt. James Osgood of Conway New Hampshire  
& was in expedition to Canada, & at the termination  
of his years service, he enlisted for three years in  
Captain Puttingills company, in the ninth  
Massachusetts Regiment, & Major Colonel.  
he served the full term of his engagement  
& was accordingly discharged, herewith is a  
copy of his discharge, after his discharge he  
returned to Haysburg aforesaid where he con-  
tinued to reside until his death, which  
took place in May 1814. I further declare  
that neither my late husband Jonathan  
Draper, nor myself, nor others claiming  
under us have ever received a grant of  
land, or money in lieu thereof, from Massachu-  
setts, & that I am justly entitled to a grant  
of land under the provisions of a "Resolve  
in favor of certain Officers & Soldiers of the Revolution-  
ary war & the widows of the deceased Officers &  
Soldiers," passed March 17<sup>th</sup> 1835, I further declare  
that I resided at said Denmark at the passage of the

said Resolue — Copy of Discharge —

This may certify that the bearer Jonathan  
Dresser a Soldier in Major Patten's Company  
ninth Massachusetts Regiment, is hereby discharged  
having faithfully served the term of his engagement  
in the Continental Army, viz the term of  
three years, he is therefore permitted <sup>to pass</sup> to said  
State being entitled to all the emoluments  
accruing from said State for his loyal service.

Garrison West Point Rich<sup>d</sup> Wilcox Lieut

Feb 1. 1780 J. Wesson Cole

on the back of Discharge enclosed as follows

Permit Jonathan Dresser to pass from  
this port to the State of Massachusetts Bay  
with a Firelock & which is his own property

West Point Feb 1<sup>st</sup> 1780 J. Wesson Cole

To whom it may concern

Elizabeth Dresser

Oxford N. Denmark May 1<sup>st</sup> 1835 Personally  
appeared ~~the~~ above named Elizabeth Dresser  
& made solemn oath that the foregoing  
declaration by her subscribed is true  
according to her best knowledge & belief

Before me Joshua W. Osgood Just Peace

I Judah Dana of lawful age depose and say that I  
was well acquainted with the within named Jonathan Dresser  
and Elizabeth Dresser & their children for many years, and  
knew them to be husband and wife, and lived together many  
years as such and raised up their family, tho I was not  
present at their marriage.

Judah Dana

Oxford N. Denmark May 20. 1835. Personally appeared the above named Judah  
Dana and made oath to the truth of the foregoing certificate by  
him subscribed, before me Joseph S. Cole Justice of the Peace

I, the subscriber, Judge of the Court of Probates in  
& for the County of Oxford, hereby certify, that satisfactory  
evidence has been adduced before me, and it is proved  
to my satisfaction, that Elizabeth Dresser, above named  
was the lawful wife of the above named Jonathan  
Dresser, and is now the widow of said Jonathan.

In testimony whereof I hereunto set my hand  
this twenty seventh day of May A.D. 1835

Stephen Emery